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Memo to Director, Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA) Roy W.  
From RMB, Jr., SA/PD Johnson  
Subj: Financing of Proj CORONA

Under date of 15 Apr 1958, an outline of the above project (COR-0013) was submitted for approval of higher authority after discussion with you and Dr. Killian. As you were advised shortly thereafter, the approval was granted. I was, however, given specific instruction with respect to the financing of this project...This instruction is relevant to the costs of the first and second stage vehicles (approx.

25X1 [ ] which the project outline stated would be financed "for the most part by ARPA through the Air Force". The instruction at the time of approval was to the effect that "all funding for development and hardware must come from the CIA and ARPA"--the intent being that funding for these purposes should not come from the Air Force.

I understand the arrangement now is for the Air Force to obligate certain funds for CORONA in advance of reimbursement by ARPA--I feel if ARPA does not intend ultimately to fund vehicles procured for CORONA, this should receive approval of appropriate higher authorities. . . The provision of sizeable amounts in addition to those already budgeted by CIA would raise problems for us.

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NRO review(s) completed.